

## STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES LANSING



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The Honorable Bill Hardiman, Chair Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on DHS Michigan State Senate State Capitol Lansing, Michigan 48933

The Honorable Dudley Spade, Chair House Appropriations Subcommittee on DHS Michigan House of Representatives Lansing, Michigan 48933

Dear Senator Hardiman and Representative Spade:

Sec. 677 of Public Act 345 of 2006 requires the department to "establish a state goal for the percentage of family independence program (FIP) cases involved in employment activities. The percentage established shall not be less than 50 percent. On a monthly basis, the department shall report to the senate and house appropriations subcommittees on the department budget, the senate and house fiscal agencies and policy offices, and the state budget director on the current percentage of FIP cases involved in employment activities and the current percentage of JET pilot program cases involved in employment activities. If the FIP case percentage is below the goal for more than 2 consecutive quarters, the department shall develop a plan to increase the percentage of FIP cases involved in employment-related activities. The department shall deliver the plan during the next annual budget presentation to the senate and house appropriations subcommittees on the department budget."

Work participation rate data is obtained for the review month through computerized case record information, matches with other electronic data sources and a manual data collection process. We currently have work participation numbers for October 2006 through June 2007:

WORK PARTICIPATION RATES			
Manual	Total FIP Participation	JET Sites Participation	
Month	Rate	Rate	
October 2006	23.3%	31.9%	
November 2006	30.7%	29.5%	
December 2006	21.7%	20.0%	
January 2007	20.2%	21.7%	
February 2007	22.2%	25.8%	

Month	Total FIP Participation Rate	JET Sites Participation Rate
March 2007	19.7%	16.2%
April 2007	28.9%	29.1%
May 2007	21.9%	20.5%
June 2007	29.3%	36.1%
FY 2007-to-date	24.2%	25.6%

An updated report will be sent to you as soon as we have July 2007 results.

If you have any questions, please contact John Sorbet, chief administrative officer, at 373-7787.

Sincerely,

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cc: Senate and House Appropriations Subcommittees on DHS Senate and House Fiscal Agencies Senate and House Policy Offices State Budget Director